Destruction of temples in Andhra Pradesh

943. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 5th July, 1986 under the caption 'Unprotected Andhra Pradesh temples facing sinister threat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to check destruction of these temples?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The said report refers to alleged digging with sophisticated tools in search of possible hidden treasures in some unprotected temples in Andhra Pradesh resulting in their damage.

(c) Attention of the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been drawn to the reported threat posed to the safety of these unprotected temples for taking preventive measures.

944. Transferred to the 8th August, 1986).

Reduction of seats in the colleges of Delhi University

945. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a drastic reduction of seats this year in B.A. and B.Com. courses in almost all the colleges affiliated to Delhi University;

(b) what is the number of students admitted by these colleages in the above courses and what is the intake capacity;

(c) what are the main reasons for such reduction of seats; and what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the colleges have closed down these courses;

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether such a step has been taken by these colleges with the prior permission of the Academic and Executive Councils of the University; and

(f) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The intake capacity of admission to undergraduate courses including those in Commerce, Arts and Vocational courses this year is the same as was during the last year. This year, some colleges have, however, made adjustments of seats in some courses without affecting the total number of available seats.

(b) Since, admission to the various courses will continue to be made upto August 14, 1986, it will not be possible to indicate at this stage precisely the number of students actually admitted to undergraduate courses in Commerce and Arts. There are, however, 7936 seats in Commerce courses and 16459 seats in Arts and Vocational Courses this year.

(c) to (f) Do not arise

Rail Link between Kazipet and Bombay via Chandrapur

946. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand by the public as well as people's representatives for establishment of a direct rail link between